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**From:** Stevie Kenner [toto\_too\_@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2004 8:19 PM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** violence in television

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Mr. Powell and Commissioners,

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

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I implore you to curtail the violence permitted in programming. We should encourage in television the same type of behavior we would like demonstrated in society.

Respectfully,

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**From:** MAGICHND@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2004 2:37 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** RE: TV violence

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Please restrict all the bad violence on tv. I have two young sons and just to change the channel you see advertisements of people shooting people, dead bodies, violent acts etc. I don't let them watch all the bad shows but they are still exposed to it.

Sincerely,

Keith

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**From:** tpaulos@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2004 4:59 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Jonathan H. Weinstein; tpaulos@comcast.net  
**Subject:** TV Violence

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**From:** Carol Young [cyoung@RSOLaw.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2004 3:22 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** tv violence

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Please, please help restrict the violence on the tv programs. As a mother of 9 and grandmother of 12, I am extremely concerned about the message being sent to our children. Please be a force for good and not evil in the world. Life is hard enough without the worst elements of society coming into our homes. Thank you.

Carol Love Young  
RICHER, SWAN & OVERHOLT

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**From:** Jan W. Hansen [hanswise@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2004 3:09 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** Violence

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Hello,

I am writing in response to a newspaper article I saw a few weeks ago asking for citizen input on media violence. Hundreds of studies have been done showing the harmful impact of seeing violence portrayed over and over on television. In a person's lifetime, he or she may personally know two or three people who have experienced violence (I'm not talking about child abuse in the home) such as witnessing a murder or beating, but just watch television one day and there are dozens. I believe the USA will become the kind of nation that we see portrayed before our eyes every night.

You and your Commission have the power to make a difference and stop the violence seen on television. The time of day shouldn't matter. The station shouldn't matter. Continual violence corrupts people. Please be brave and make stiff regulations.

Thank you for your time,

Jan Whitley Hansen  
Holladay, Utah

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**From:** Deborah Kessler [kessleda@epix.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2004 9:47 AM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** concern about TV content

Deborah Kessler  
RR2 box 2481  
Hallstead, PA 18822

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

September 20, 2004

Michael Powell

445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Michael Powell:

I am concerned about the media powerful influence being used in a destructive way.

I want to encourage you to use your position to clean up the media. This includes profanity and bad language, sexual references and jokes, immodesty, excessive violence, and destructive portrayals of men and the family.

The media is a powerful force that should be used to better our society. Millions of people watch TV, why not try to influence the to be more responsible and respectable citizens.

We are what we think!

Sincerely,

Deborah Kessler



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**From:** mantus@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2004 10:24 AM  
**To:** KJMWEB  
**Subject:** Concerned

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**From:** Chris Buck [buck@buckshotproductions.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 08, 2004 4:06 PM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** I'm concerned about the impact of excessively violent TV

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Chris Buck  
5410 Breathless Lane  
Lutz, FL 33558

September 8, 2004

Kathleen Q. Abernathy

445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Kathleen Abernathy:

Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman,  
I'm a father of two children under the age of 8 in Tampa, FL.  
I understand that the FCC is calling for comments from parents across America concerned about the impact of excessively violent broadcast television programming on children. My wife and I are such parents. This letter is to inform you that we feel excessively violent broadcast television is far too common and on the rise on American Broadcast and cable TV. Especially in the traditionally safe primetime hour of 8:00 - 9:00pm.

The television programming industry in Hollywood has pushed the bar of indecent and violent programming further and further down over the past several years and the FCC has done very little to stem this tide or to stand up for the majority of American families. Families who are forced to leave the TV off rather than risk our kids being exposed to something inappropriate for most teenagers to watch, let alone young children; and all this on our public airwaves too.

Please consider this letter as an impassioned plea from two very concerned parents. We ask that you study the shows that are on broadcast TV this season with excessive violence, profanity and sexual situation and innuendos. Enforce the FCC's public decency laws and standards. Levy heavy fines against the networks who are bringing this junk into our homes. Please don't let them keep lowering the bar and sending us shows like "24" and "CSI", to name only a couple.

Please stand up for us and for our impressionable kids - you've been given the power and the authority to stem this tide of violence and perversity on our public airwaves. Please do it..if you don't, who will?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Chris & Janet Buck  
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**Sent:** Monday, August 02, 2004 1:37 PM  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Subject:** Violence on TV

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Lyn Bush  
1014 Columbine Road  
Asheville, NC 28803

August 2, 2004

Commissioner Michael Copps  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Copps:

I am strongly opposed to violence on TV as a parent. As an adult, I have the capabilities that allow me to filter information based on my beliefs and maturity. Children have not yet formed these basics simply because it is a process that takes time. We do not watch much TV because of the programming, but where I am deeply concerned is during "wholesome" television...and sports when these violent shows are broadcast as advertisements...not to mention the sexual content. Isn't there something we could do? It's obvious that our children...especially boys are more violent than ever and it HAS BEEN proven that there is a connection.

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**Subject:** Public violence

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Ma'am or Sir,

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I understand from local news that the FCC began soliciting public comment on Wednesday regarding whether there is too much television violence, and also whether the government should step in.

I've grown up a TV watcher, and it wasn't until I got older that I realized just how much of an impact television violence (and sexual content, as well) had on my attitudes, and even on my fears. I grew up loving people for the good that I absorbed in themes and content, but I've also become extremely tentative face-to-face: even though I care about people in a spiritual sense, I'm also scared to death by all that I've seen thrown across the screen, and it's been very hard for me to learn to shake a very negative impression whenever I'm out and with people. I simply can't shake loose from all I've seen and all I've heard. It takes an honest, real effort to overcome these images and feelings still flashing just below the surface of consciousness.

Since I grew up with it, it's taken time to realize from the world around me that much of what I absorbed from television was not the way people really are, not in any normal context. Television has a way of accentuating the worst case and making it seem real and normal, so I grew up thinking of people (and me) very destructively, and it took time for me to find the better reality.

I'd like to think children could have time and space to absorb better impressions and ways of thinking about themselves and other people, so that by the time some of the more frightening cases in life come to the fore, they're sort of set in a path and way of thinking that makes a positive view of life possible and choosable. That initial positive way of seeing people, with growth and experience, maybe gives children more flexibility as adults when they do encounter some of the worse possibilities.

To put it simply, I've struggled with making positive choices because I just didn't believe anything better was possible. Right now, I think television tends to reinforce the negative aspects of life, which may be fine for those growing up in a rational, safe, loving environment (and only maybe), but for those who grew up in a negative way, what I saw tended to confirm worst fears and make dreams seem more like fantasies than reachable realities.

I've grown a good bit since, but I'm still in the midst of impressions that I still carry, just beneath the surface. Some of these images don't want to go away: memory is very resilient, sometimes more than I might wish. This may be more the case given that children's memories tend to last longest and make strongest impressions.

I'm sorry to have expressed so much of this in personal terms. I hope the gist of what I'm trying to convey comes through clearly, regardless.

If I can help in any way, please contact me. Maybe I can find a better way to say what I've said so that it can be understood by those who most need to hear it.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

John E. Hedberg  
134 First Avenue #7  
Salt Lake City, UT 84103-2316

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**From:** Katherine Hardy [kkhome@hardycarey.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 31, 2004 9:37 AM  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Subject:** violence on the airwaves (radio,TV,cable,internet)

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306 Cedar Dr  
Metairie, La 70005

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**To:** Michael Copps  
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Martha Hunt  
3935 Paces Manor  
Atlanta, GA 30339

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445 12th Street SW  
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I am writing in response to your request for input from Americans on how they feel about violence on TV. I am very strongly opposed to the level of violence that exists in television programming today. I think it has reached a point to where it is definitely damaging to children as well as adults who are watching it.

I am the mother of five children, and to be perfectly honest with you, I watch very little TV these days because I do not find much of the programming to be inoffensive enough to watch. Nearly every prime time show I happen to tune into briefly with the "clicker" while passing quickly through the channels is saturated with violence and/or sex. I have no desire to fill my mind with such trash, nor do I want my children exposed to such.

I have no doubt in my mind that television programming has a huge effect on our society because of its pervasiveness. Almost everyone in this country has constant access to a television. I think that we would be very wise as a country to look carefully at what we allow over our airwaves, because it has a direct pipeline into the minds and hearts of our constituency. Television definitely "teaches" values and attitudes by demonstrating visually and auditorily scenarios, behaviors and attitudes that viewers might choose to embrace. It also plays a huge role in desensitizing young as well as grown people to the things presented on the screen. Actions, words, and scenes that once would have shocked and horrified past generations become blasé to those who experience them over and over again via television.

Suffice it to say that I am strong proponent of close scrutiny by the FCC of the violence as well as the sexual content that is allowed on our airwaves. It's time to turn back the clock and return to more wholesome



entertainment. I would be so grateful for your support in protecting my family from the harmful effects of much of the programming that is on the television today.

Sincerely,

Martha Hunt  
770-433-1226

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entertainment. I would be so grateful for your support in protecting my family from the harmful effects of much of the programming that is on the television today.

Sincerely,

Martha Hunt  
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**From:** hankje@juno.com  
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**Cc:** Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Jonathan Adelstein  
**Subject:** Violence on TV

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Hello Ladies and Gentlemen at the FCC:

I am writing because I have just read an article in my local newspaper that says you would like to have the public comment on whether there is too much violence on television and whether the government should step in.

In the opinion of our family, **yes**, there is way too much violence on TV, no matter if it is on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, or a cable station, and whether it is daytime or nighttime. The V-chips are not used by enough parents. And the program ratings system is ignored when youths are watching TV in their bedrooms or when the parents are not home.

We believe that the FCC should restrict the amount of violence shown on any TV program by any station. And it should be a whole lot less than the amount on the airwaves right now.

Thank you,  
Carmen Hank

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**From:** rnelson@verizon.com  
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**Subject:** TV Violence on Network Commercial Plugs

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Mr. Copps,

Please keep up your stance on TV Violence, especially in the evenings. Though the programming before 9PM has improved, its purpose is minimized and negated when commercial plugs for shows like CSI or Law & Order are run as "hooks" during the 8pm EST programming hour. These commercial plugs are loaded with graphic content about murder, prostitution, drugs etc. that are hard to keep from kid's. CBS is leading the way for these plugs for their shows and it's getting more provocative and graphic every year.

Please keep up the fight to limit this escalation of wanton violence and sexual content on the Television airwaves.

Thank You,

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